

**Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary
FY12 (10/1/11-9/30/12) Sanctuary Advisory Council Work Plan**

1. Education and Outreach						
MP Program-Based Action Plans	SAC Activities	Outputs/Outcomes	Status	WG Began	WG Expires	WG Chair
a Youth Involvement in SAC process	Youth Involvement Subcommittee will recommend best vehicle for youth involvement in SAC process. SAC will then determine how to proceed	Youth SAC seat and/or Youth Working Group and/or other program designed to involve youth in SAC process	Subcommittee formed at Aug 11 meeting	No working group at this time.		
b SAC Challenge 2012	Each SAC member is invited to organize, host or otherwise reach-out to their constituency to increase awareness of the Sanctuary. Members will be invited to report at meetings on their project.	Increased public awareness of GFNMS and SAC	Presented at 2011 Retreat, CAS			
c Crissy Field Campus Exhibits	Council members may be contacted to help advise on new exhibits as part of the GFNMS Facilities Master Plan.	Crissy Field Campus Exhibit Concept Plan		No working group established.		
2. Conservation Science						
3. Resource Protection						
a Sanctuary Permits	Standing updates provided to members at each meeting	Advisory Council is informed on permitted activities				
b Vessel Spills Joint Working Group	Approx 6 meeting total, regular updates provided to SAC on JWG progress	Review GFNMS Emergency Response Plan, places of refuge, best available technology, and Vessel Traffic Systems. Provide recommendation on use of dispersants in the sanctuary.	Chairs and GFNMS staff will present final recommendations of working group in August 2012	Jun-11	Jun-12	

3. Resource Protection Continued						
MP Program-Based Action Plans	SAC Activities	Outputs/Outcomes	Status	WG Began	WG Expires	WG Chair
c Vessel Strikes and Acoustic Impacts Joint Working Group	Approx 6 meeting total, regular updates provided to SAC on JWG progress	Recommendations to SAC on suite of management actions in form of Action Plan	Chairs and GFNMS staff will present final recommendations of working group in August 2012	May-11	May-12	Jackie Dragon
d Ocean Climate Initiative	1) Green Operations: Review of GFNMS annual emissions audit	Ensure GFNMS conducts and reports on annual emissions audit	GFNMS staff will present an emissions audit and progress on the Green Operations Plan annually to the SAC	No working group at this time.		
	2) OCOF Workshops	Advisory Council is informed on OCOF Workshop final outcomes	GFNMS staff will present workshop final outcomes November 2011			
	3) Regional Climate Change Modelling: occasional updates will be provided to council	Advisory Council is informed on progress of regional modelling and their utility for management	Post Doctoral Climate Change Analyst, Benet Duncan will present her work at the Nov 2011 SAC meeting			
	4) Adaptive Management and Policy Working Group	Draft strategies for Adaptive Management and Policy Chapter of GFNMS Climate Change Action Plan	Under the PRBO/USGS/NPS/GFNMS sea level rise mapping project, a working group will be requested to recommend adaptation and response strategies for inundation impacts.	Working group has not been requested	TBD	TBD
e Enforcement	Standing updates on enforcement provided to members at each meeting	Advisory Council is informed on enforcement activities				
f Emerging Issues	TBD	Advisory Council is informed on emerging issues				

4. Administration						
MP Issued-Based Action Plans	SAC Activities	Outputs/Outcomes	Status	WG Began	WG Expires	WG Chair
a Sanctuary Advisory Council	1) Maintain Advisory Council	Four meetings and one retreat per year; Council resolutions and correspondence; annual workplan	Ongoing recommendations on Climate Change Initiative, Enforcement, Emergency Response, Visitor Centers, and Vessel Traffic.			
	2) Participate in National Chairs and Coordinators meeting		Meeting may be held May 2012, location TBD			
	3) Maintain Executive Committee	Develop meeting agendas and recommend new members to sanctuary superintendent	Meet four times per year by phone.			
	4) See 14b and 14c Annual Joint Council Meeting/Annual Council Meetings in Pacifica and Half Moon Bay					
b Operations - See 3c.1) Green Operations						
5. Water Quality						
a Seabird Protection Network - See 6b also	Update on First Flush Event	Advisory Council is informed on water quality programs in GFNMS and MBNMS	Kellyx Nelson will give a presentation on First Flush Event			
6. Wildlife Disturbance						
a White Shark Stewardship Project	Annual updates provided to Council		GFNMS staff will present results of the programmatic EA May 2012			
b Seabird Protection Network	Annual update at joint GF/MB council meeting on program activities		Update will be given at February 10, 2011 joint council meeting.			
7. Introduced Species						

8. Ecosystem Protection- Fishing Activities						
MP Cross-Cutting Action Plans	SAC Activities	Outputs/Outcomes	Status	WG Began	WG Expires	WG Chair
a Marine Life Protection Act	Standing updates provided to members on MLPA implementation	Advisory Council is informed on MLPA activities	MPAs went into effect May 2010. Presentation on MLPA baseline monitoring activities: LIMPETS and Beachwatch	No working group established.		
11. Community Outreach						
12. Ecosystem Monitoring						
a See 8a. Marine Life Protection Act						
b ACCESS Cruises	Updates provided to members on ACCESS cruises	Advisory Council is informed on ACCESS program	GFNMS staff will present on 2011 ACCESS cruises at Nov 2011 SAC meeting			
13. Maritime Heritage						
14. Northern Management Area						
a Maverick's Surf Contest	Updates provided to members on the contest	???	Contest will be held December 2011 - March 2012. Presentation on the contest will be given at the February 2011 joint GF/MB council meeting?	No working group established.		
b Annual Joint Council Meeting	GFNMS and MBNMS Advisory Councils meet once per year in Half Moon Bay	Increased coordination and information exchange between GFNMS and MBNMS Advisory Councils	Councils will meet February 10, 2011.			
c Council meetings in Bodega Bay and Half Moon Bay	GFNMS Advisory Council holds biennial meetings in Bodega Bay (alternating with Pacifica) and annual meetings in Half Moon Bay	Meetings are made available to public within the Northern Management Area and North Bay	Councils will meet February 2011 in HMB and August 2011 in Bodega.			